

Prayer

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in a prayer position. The hands are positioned in the lower center of the frame, with fingers interlaced. A strong, diagonal beam of light from the upper left corner illuminates the hands and the text above them, creating a dramatic contrast with the deep shadows of the background. The background appears to be a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a piece of fabric.

2. Come Boldly unto the Throne

Hebrews 4:16 "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Meaning: To come boldly means with all outspokenness, frankness, bluntness, or confidence. In the Old Testament the priest would come before God at the Mercy Seat with fear and trembling as he could be struck to death, if he transgressed in anything. However, we may come boldly to the throne of grace as Jesus' blood has been shed and received to give us access to God.

Application: We have no need to be bashful or ashamed when coming to God. He is there to help. Whether it is for cleansing, healing, protection, or provision, He is ever near, waiting for our petition. The ability to come boldly before God is due to Jesus' sacrifice for our sin. Whether or not we make use of that ability, is up to us.

Other Verses for Study: Matthew 7:7-11; Romans 5:1, 2; 8:15-17; Ephesians 3:12; Philippians 4:6; Hebrews 10:19-23; 11:6

1. What gives us access to God? _____

2. Why should we come boldly to the throne?

3. What is meant by the word "boldly"? _____

"He who does not push his plea does not pray at all."